

Needler, George Henry

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July 1st, 1915

Professor G. H. Needler,

Point Ideal, Lake of Pays.

Dear Professor Needler:

A second cable came from Waterhouse confirming his decision to remain in Dublin. Possibly we need not regret this too much as there might have been trouble with Young of Trinity. He wrote me in a letter last week that he knew Waterhouse, and possibly had come into such relations with him that they would not have got on very well in the Department of German together.

However, I have heard that Professor Fairley of Alberta might probably be willing to come to us. I met him in Alberta, and have always heard him highly spoken of. He is a Leeds graduate, I think, of excellent reputation. President Tory spoke to me about him a while ago, and I am inclined to think that the relations there, owing to no fault of his, are such that he will take a change.

Yesterday Mr. R. E. Gordon, formerly of Trinity, who is on the English staff in Alberta, came to see me. He speaks in the highest terms of Professor Fairley and thinks that he would come to us. I wrote to Tory asking him whether he would object if we were to make an offer to him. Gordon's judgment, I think, is good. It coincides also with what I have heard of Fairley elsewhere. This may be a partial solution. But, what about Holt? Should there be some promise made to him before I go away next Wednesday?

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

July 6th, 1915

Professor G. H. Needler,

Point Ideal,

Lake of Bays, Muskoka.

Dear Professor Needler:

I have just received your letter. I have also just got the appointment through for Professor Fairley and for Mr. Holt. That I believe solves the German difficulty at present. We shall deal with Dr. Toews in the autumn; probably Holt will have to do his work.

I am afraid that we cannot appoint Wagee this year. I can talk with you about that in the autumn. We have just seen the Government. I hope they will pass our estimates, but I am afraid we must work on in German this way with three on the staff.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

July 12th, 1915

Professor G. H. Needler,

Point Ideal, Lake of Bays, Muskoka.

Dear Professor Needler:

In the absence of the President I
beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th inst.
Professor Barker Fairley's address is the University of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alberta. He is still there, as we had a telegram
from him the end of last week.

Yours very truly,

President's Secretary.

Point Ideal, Lake of the 1000s, Muskoka
July 9th, 1915

Dear Mr. President,

It was very welcome news to me that you had succeeded in getting Professor Fairley to come to us, and that his appointment has been already ratified. He and Mr. Holt and I shall be able to keep things going in a fairly satisfactory manner. All of us, I am sure, will be ready to take on something extra until the great national strain is over, when I trust that German in University College will at last be placed on its proper footing.

No definite arrangements for instruction in the German of the Applied Science Faculty have been made yet. Whether Walker, Kenrick and Ardagh, who each took over a class last session, without further recompense than our gratitude, will be willing to do so again, I don't know. At any rate, I think we of the German department should, if at all possible, be relieved of these classes until the return of normal conditions, as the work

in the Applied Science Faculty, excepting perhaps the First Year,
can be done quite as well by members of the Science
staff as by us. If they find themselves unable to take
it over voluntarily, could some business arrangement
perhaps be made with them?

Might I ask for Professor Fairley's exact
address, in order that I may communicate with
him soon regarding plans?

Yours sincerely,
L. H. Needler

President Falconer,
University of Toronto

April 20th, 1916

Professor Needler,

University College.

Dear Professor Needler:

I am sending you a letter which I have just received from Dean Ferry of Williams College. He is a man on whose judgment I should put very strong reliance. I think that he is one of the outstanding Deans in the Eastern American Colleges and he impressed me as having a very fine character and good judgment. Even if we could not get Hewitt next winter possibly we might think of him afterwards. I fancy we must go on as we are during the coming academic year.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

